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SUBJECT: FY-74 EXCHANGE PERSONS PROGRAM

1. SINCE POST NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR AS TO WHERE IT STANDS WITH RESPECT FY-74 FUNDING OF ITS EXCHANGE PERSONS PROGRAM, WE RECAPITULATING OUR UNDERSTANDINGS AND FURNISHING PRIORITIES FOR FY-74 SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING.
2. IN ADDITION TO MALAGASY LEADER VISITS AND ONE STUDENT PLACEMENT WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE OR BEEN MADE IN FY-74, WE ASSUME THAT AT LEAST LEADER VISITS OF MINISTER INFORMATION RAKOTOMALALA AND DEAN LAW SCHOOL LEONARD AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENT RAFINDRAMISA (TANANARIVE'S A-031, MARCH 1) CAN BE FUNDED WITHIN OUR BASIC \$30,000 PROGRAM.
3. HOPEFULLY LEADER VISIT OF MADAGASCAR MATIN CHIEF EDITOR ANDRIAMBELO CAN ALSO BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN BASIC \$30,000 PROGRAM. IF NOT, HE SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY FOR USE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS.
4. WE LISTING BELOW OUR FURTHER ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS (INCLUDING FALLOUT):
 - A. LEADER NOMINEE FROM RURAL ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE -- TANANARIVE'S 0279.
 - B. PLACEMENT OF STUDENT RANDRIANARIVONY -- TANANARIVE'S A-026, FEB. 22.
 - C. LEADER NOMINEE: BUSINESSMAN RABOANARIJAONA.
 - D. PARTIAL GRANT FOR RAMAHAY-MANDIMBY FROM AIR MADAGASCAR.

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5. WE CONTINUE CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT AMERICAN PROFESSOR TO

UNIVERSITY MADAGASCAR VERY IMPORTANT TO FURTHERING OF U.S. INTERESTS, BUT HAVE NOT INCLUDED IT IN PRIORITY LISTING BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF NOMINEE FROM WASHINGTON. FAILURE U.S. THUS FAR TO PROPOSE PROFESSOR HAS PRODUCED ADVERSE COMMENT IN MALAGASY GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

6. RECALLING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND OTHER CU OFFICIALS IN DECEMBER ABOUT RELEVANCE OUR EXCHANGE PERSONS PROGRAM TO U.S. INTERESTS IN MADAGASCAR, I HOPE DEPT CAN FUND VIRTUALLY ALL PROPOSALS IN PARAS 2-4 ABOVE. WE ACCEPT POINTS MADE IN STATE 041199 AND NOT PREPARED PUSH RAMAHAY-MANDIMBY. MENDENHALL

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